SEAPAC 2022

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ARDC Giving

Giving	Amount
Total giving in 2021	$9 Million
Planned giving in 2022	$6 Million

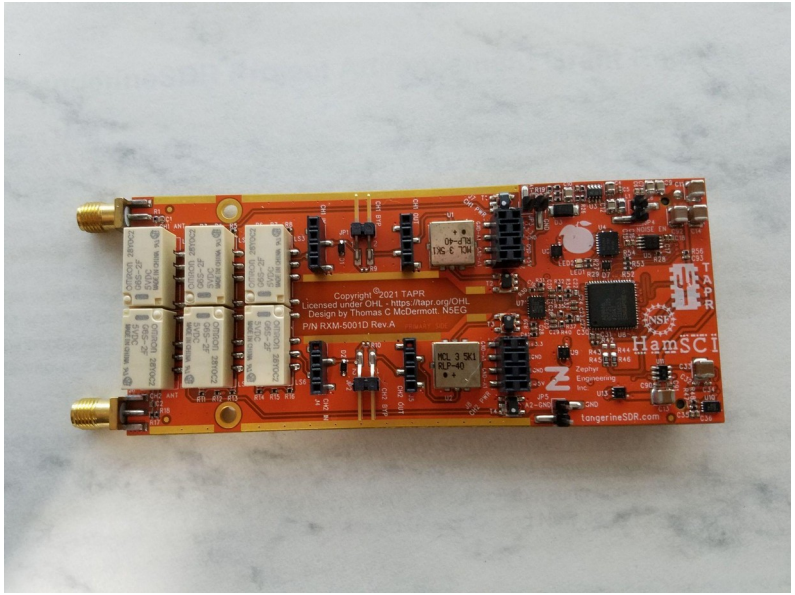

Photo Credit: TAPR

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ARDC Giving: Grantee Requirements

ARDC makes grants to non-profit organizations which fall into the following categories:

1. US IRS 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charities or their International Equivalents
2. Non-Profit Educational Institutions (US and International)
3. Government projects that align with our mission
4. Groups and Individuals sponsored by an entity meeting the above requirements. This is known as fiscal sponsorship.

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Photo Credit: K7UAZ University of Arizona Amateur Radio Club, who received a grant to renovate their HF station and satellite station

Grant Category: Support and Growth of Amateur Radio

Grants in this category are core to our mission. We make grants to clubs for all types of projects, including licensing classes, continuing education, community outreach, club station update or enhancement, repeater and network infrastructure, and certain emergency communications projects.

We are particularly interested in projects which include underrepresented individuals and groups.

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Grant Category: Education

Grants in this category include scholarships, as well as projects that aim to educate or mentor individuals, such as K-12 school programs and programs aimed at underserved groups.

Students try their hand at fox hunting at Woodridge Middle School.

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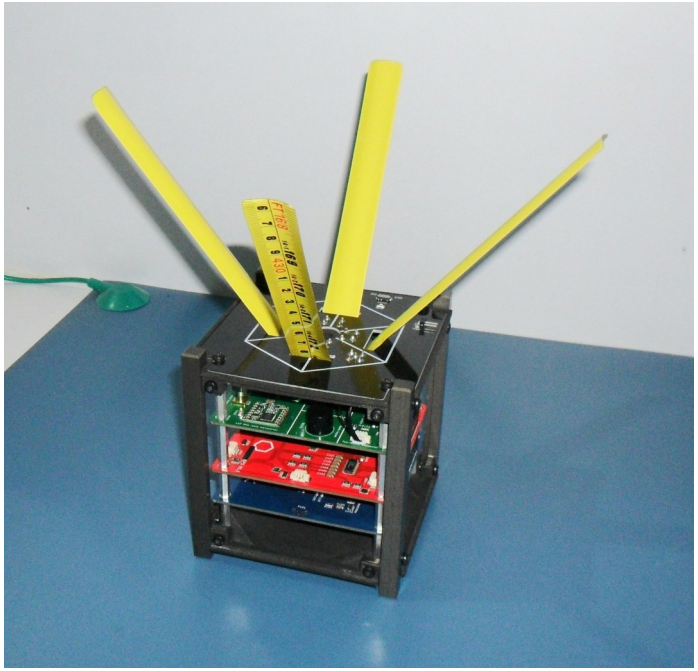

Photo Credit: Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency, who is developing India's first open-source satellite

Grant Category: Research and Development

Projects in this category advance the state of the art in amateur radio and communication science & technology.

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Applying for a Grant

You can apply for a grant at anytime.

Grants are collected, reviewed, and compared like-for-like four (4) times a year. The two remaining deadlines for 2022 are July 15th and October 1st.

Apply online at https://www.ampr.org/apply/

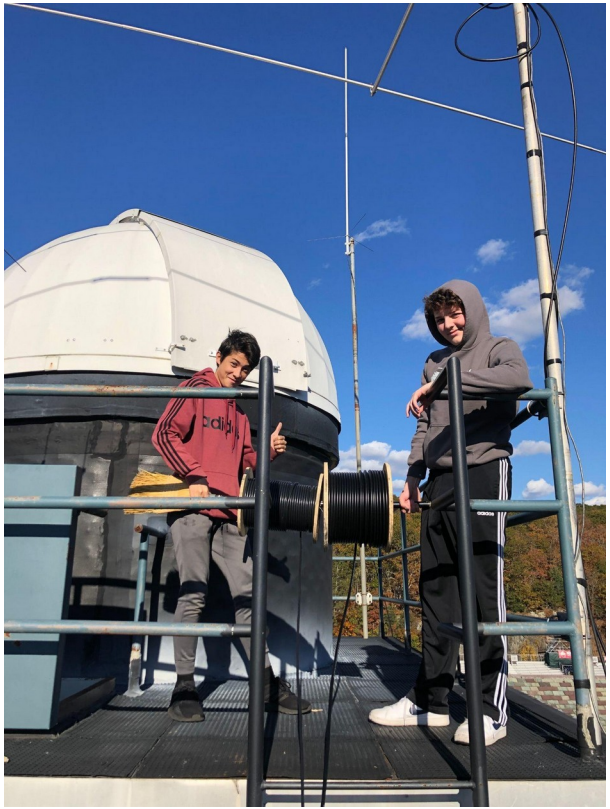

Photo Credit: Norwich Free Academy, an ARDC grantee who built a satellite and ARISS ground station

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Applying for a Grant - Key Points

- Be sure to review all of the information under ‘Apply’ (and sub pages) on the ampr.org website.
- Most of our projects are “shovel ready” and take about one year to complete.
  - If a large project, consider a multi-phase approach and apply for follow-on grants as you go.
  - Have any external resources already lined up (e.g. facilities, personnel, partners, etc.)
- Include all expenses such as taxes, fees, shipping, professional services, indirect costs, etc.
- Select modern, quality, items that will have an appropriate service life, don’t “gold plate” and don’t under specify.
- Have a good project plan including who, when, where and why.

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Applying for a Grant - The Process

- Prepare your proposal
  - Description
  - Goals
  - Project Outline
  - Budget
- Submit your application online at https://www.ampr.org/apply/
- Reviewed by Grants Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Funding determined by the Board of Directors

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The Grants Advisory Committee

Staff Lead: John Hays – K7VE	**Chair**: Bob Witte – K0NR
Dewayne Hendricks – WA8DZP	Douglas Kingston – KD7DK
Hank Magnuski – KA6M	Steve Stroh – N8GNJ
Brian Mileshosky – N5ZGT	Leandro Indrusiak – 2E1LSI
Randy Neals – W3RWN	Don Prosnitz – N9PRZ
Dave Pasco – KM3T	

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Applying for a Grant - GAC Review

- A preliminary eligibility check will be made by ARDC staff
  - Include your EIN and non-profit status
  - If you are not a qualified non-profit, find a fiscal sponsor
- Determination if the proposal fits ARDCs grantmaking categories
  - Support and Growth of Amateur Radio and/or Select Digital Communications
  - Education
  - Research and Development

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Applying for a Grant - GAC Review

We look for grants that further the following goals

- Broad Reach
- Social over commercial benefit
- Inclusion of underrepresented groups
- Empowerment of individuals, and distributed rather than centralization
- Preservation of the right to innovate

Open Access Requirement

- ARDC funded work should be open sourced/access and shared

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Applying for a Grant - GAC Review

The GAC will strive to compare similar proposals to similar proposals

- Applications are scored by each reviewer
- Together the GAC will rank proposals to lift up the best proposals
- The GAC then lists recommended proposals by ranking
- The GAC recommends a portfolio of proposals to our Board of Directors
  - The list includes all recommended proposals
  - A ‘cut’ line is applied to fit the budget for the grant window (approximately $1.5 million each window)

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Applying for a Grant - Board Approval

The ARDC Board of Directors meets and reviews the portfolio and votes to fund or not fund the proposals.

- The Board may reach into the list to increase giving for a given window.
- The Board may want more information from the applicant before a final determination.
- Approved proposals are sent to the Grants Manager, who prepares the grant contract and upon execution of the contract arranges for payment to the grantee or their fiscal sponsor

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Applying for a Grant - Key Points

- Make your project really stand out
  - Include previous accomplishments
  - Show how you are doing outreach and building community around your project
  - State how you will adhere to ARDCs open access/open source requirement
  - If your project is truly innovative, explain how it innovates
  - Include inclusiveness and equity initiatives your group is engaged in
  - Include how you will engage youth to fight the greying of the hobby
  - We don’t need a book but be complete in your description
  - Include any other fundraising and support you are receiving for this project
- How will your project make the world a better place?

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Applying for a Grant - Talk to Us

- Visit our booth here at SEAPAC
- Members of our staff and volunteers are here to hear from you and answer your questions
    - John Hays, K7VE - Outreach Manager
    - Merideth Stroh, KK7BKI - Operations Manager
    - Steve Stroh, N8GNJ - Volunteer, Member of Grants Advisory Committee
- Email questions about grants to giving@ardc.net

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44-Net / AMPRnet Survey

ARDC also runs the 44-Net which has 12 million routable IPv4 Internet addresses for use by Amateur Radio. We are currently running a survey to help us better understand your needs as we work to make it a more usable resource. Please take the survey.

https://survey.ardc.net

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